

To The Directors of The Margaret Eaton School of Literature and Expression:

President Burwash:

Mrs. Eaton:

During the past year 1916 - 1917 we registered four hundred and three students. We have felt the influence of the war upon our School. You will remember in 1913 prior to the war we were making progress in numbers and finances. Then came this great change to the world. Since then we have had to work hard to hold our own. We have had to change and modify our courses to meet the needs and the demands of the students. Education for the love of it is no longer desired, but "Give us some course whereby we can earn money" is now the plea. This definiteness of purpose is good but it ~~is~~ also has its problems. In their haste to earn money, <sup>pupils</sup> they forget that it takes time to get ready to do any great work. At a teachers' meeting in the School recently, the consensus of opinion was that owing to the nervous strain of the times, our present day students have not the <sup>desire or the will</sup> energy or the power of endurance to do more than half the work accomplished some few years ago. Because of this, the cry is that the work is too hard, the English too difficult. In view of this, I believe our English outline should undergo some change. With your permission, Mr. President, I wish to submit what I believe to be a more practical outline for our students in the Normal Course in Physical Training. It reads as follows:



According to this, we should have more time for Practical Work in the gymnasium and less time given to home work in English.

I would suggest that we make strong <sup>the department of physical culture</sup> this department, and that we associate with it the name of Dr. Eddie Robertson of the Hospital for Sick Children, as an advisor, and also that we have a teacher trained elsewhere for remedial and curative work.

Last May, Miss Hamilton arranged our annual Patriotic Fete which was held in the Arena. The object of this Fete was to give to the general public an exhibition of the finished work of the students, and to raise funds to assist our returned disabled soldiers. Nearly three hundred students took part, including our own and those of Branksome Hall, all of whom are under Miss Hamilton's direction. The Fete aroused great enthusiasm and from the receipts we were able to contribute \$ 1300.00 to the good cause. *I speak of this because it is the only physical*

Looking back over the years, the history of this School is like a wonderful journey. We began by laying the greatest stress on the mental and we end by laying the greatest stress on the physical. We have been made over in the process, for to-day I believe that because we are first physical, the training should be first physical. We have always come to you with a deficit in money but with clean hands and a pure heart, for because of your generosity, Mrs. Eaton, we have been enabled to cling to our ideal. You in your goodness have met the deficit in money. Our hands are still outstretched to you. They will ever be. I say with courage and conviction that the work of this, your School, The Margaret Eaton, is no longer a mystery in the community. We have a good name and from the best educational centres in our midst - Moulton College, Westminster, Bishop Strachan, Glen Mawr, The Technical School, the Y. V. C. A., and



even from the University, comes to us the cry for teachers, and these your children and mine are making good.

Faithfully yours,

*-Emma Scott Nasmith-*

Principal.





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